

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

A BIT OF EXPERIENCE.

Let me speak to you, dear sisters of the white-ribbon army, whom the Master is calling out into the harvest field, to you up-a whom He has laid an especial concern for the purity of the youth of our land. Do not hesitate longer, but go forth in the strength which He will surely give. This is a delicate subject, you have said, how shall we deal with it? Let me give you for your encouragement, a little bit of personal experience.

Mingling as is my lot, with a large number of young people, I have felt the need of very plain teaching; so, after a great deal of earnest thought and prayer, I called the young ladies an "girls of the seminary in which I am teaching, and out of the fulness of my heart spoke to them, plainly, yet tenderly, of the necessity of purity in thought, word and action. What was the result? Numbers came to me after I had closed, many with tears in their eyes; and what did they say? "It was just what we needed." "I am so glad you have spoken so plainly." "It will set us to thinking." Could I be other than glad that I had obeyed my Master's behest?

And now I come to you, dear sisters, especially to you whom the Master has set apart as teachers of His little ones. Many are the mothers who are neglecting this work; many are the mothers who are ignorant of the needs of the hour. Will you not then take up the work and as the Lord places in your hands precious souls to train for Him, see that they know the good from the bad, the pure from the impure? It is a delicate subject, but shall we permit false modesty to close our lips, while the evils are thickening around us and dragging the flower of our land down to nameless graves? Truly the King's business requires haste; shall we not do our part in the work?

E. A. H.

"It is only moral temperance men who are coming to Iowa now. If a man is a drunkard, he goes into Missouri or Nebraska. The drunkard's home is no longer in Iowa. I saw a dear good old farmer with two boys coming up out of Missouri on the North Missouri Railroad a week ago. When I asked him where he was going he said: 'I'm going to Oskaloosa, Iowa.' 'What! leave old Missouri?' he exclaimed. 'Yes,' he said, as the tears came to his eyes. 'I've left the old farm in Missouri. I've sold my father's and mother's graves.' 'And your boys?' 'They're here, too,' he said; 'all but George.' 'And where is George?' 'George!' he exclaimed, as his eyes swam in tears. 'Poor George was killed three months ago in a drunken brawl in Brunswick, Missouri, and I'm taking these boys up to Iowa where they'll grow up safe.'—The Voice.

A remarkable dinner was lately given in Norwich, England, by a well known temperance sheriff, George White, to celebrate the wedding of his daughter. Elegant invitations were issued to 1,100 of the aged poor of the city, and fully two thirds of this number responded. The dinner was an elaborate one and served in good style by the principal citizens of the town. The oldest guest was ninety-six years of age, and there were several over ninety. True to his temperance principles, the only drinks furnished by the sheriff were milk, lemonade and coffee. Such thoughtful bounty is refreshing in these days of greed and gain.—Union Signal.

Idlers love the saloons and the shady porches of old tavern stands, and the company there. They fall an easy prey to the rum-seller, and when the habit of testing his samples is once formed, it is not often broken. All mankind goes down with it, into an awful whirlpool.—Sentinel.

Question.—To what extent are the churches and temperance societies and veteran specialists of temperance reform agreed in favor of total abstinence and prohibition, as against "moderation" and license.

Answer by Mr. J. N. Stearns, Secretary National Temperance Society: The foundation stone of all the great national temperance organizations, consisting of at least a million of members, is total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the State. At the Centennial celebration of the temperance reform held in 1885 all the leading Protestant denominations, with the single exception of the Episcopal, were shown to have declared for total abstinence and the entire suppression of the traffic in intoxicating beverages. The theory of "moderation" was utterly discarded, and the traffic declared a sin against God and a crime against man.

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